

FINEST OF THE KIND

Office Building of the Senators
Probably Unequaled.

COST HAS BEEN \$4,669,372

Suite of Rooms for Each Member of
the Upper House.

THE LUXURIOUS DINING HALL

Five Kitchens, With Everything
Operated by Electricity—Two
Years to Construct.

This city now has probably the finest office building in the world. It is practically complete, and already the United States senators, for whose convenience it was built at a cost of \$4,669,372 are occupying it. Other office buildings may have cost more, but they are larger. It is safe to say that none is finer architecturally and none is more magnificently appointed.

There are ninety-two senators, and the cost of the building is, therefore, approximately \$50,750 per senator. It is probably the only building in the world that has an underground passenger railway of its own.

The site, which is bounded by Delaware avenue, B, C and 1st streets northeast, cost the government \$746,111. The actual construction of the building, including a special foundation required by the proximity of the Pennsylvania railroad tunnel cost \$3,490,761. The furnishings, including office furniture, rugs, committee-room furnishings, window shades, awnings, mirrors, kitchen and dining room equipment, etc., cost \$300,000. There still remains \$123,000 to be spent on improving the approaches to the building.

Three Sides of a Block.
The building occupies three sides of an entire block, the 1st street side remaining open. The B street and Delaware avenue fronts are set back from the curb more than 55 feet, and the space between the sidewalk and the building is embellished with the necessary terraces to give the proper architectural setting.

The north and south dimension of the open court is 224 feet, and the combined frontage of its three sides is 884 feet, making the combined frontage of the street and court facades 2,341 feet, or nearly one-half a mile.

In conformity with the Capitol and also with the office building erected on the opposite side of the Capitol plaza for the members of the House of Representatives, the principal front of the building, that on B street, shows three stories above ground. The grade falls away from the B street side toward the north, and the north front, which is on C street, shows all five stories above ground. This side of the building overlooks the Union station plaza.

Above the cellar is a floor to be used for the administrative office, storage and folding rooms, etc., and above that are three floors of offices devoted exclusively to the use of senators. For passenger service there are thirteen elevators, supplemented by seven staircases, not including the handsome main entrance staircase near the rotunda. The offices on each floor are arranged in a double row separated by a corridor twelve and one-half feet wide, one row facing the street and the other the interior court, which is to be improved with a fountain, driveway and grass and flower beds.

Suite for Each Senator.
There are a few single offices, but each senator gets a suite of from two to three rooms for his private use. The furniture is of mahogany, the same as all the woodwork in the building, and so beautiful are the rooms that when one walks in an exclamation of surprise is sure to escape him. Each suite has a beautiful open fireplace, surmounted by a polished marble mantelpiece in simple classic design. All of the electric chandeliers are of glass. Each suite of rooms has in addition a private lavatory and a spittoon from which ice water can be drawn at all times. There are, of course, the usual hot and cold water spigots besides.

The most beautiful parts of the building are the rotunda, the main stair hall and the big conference room, finished throughout in polished marble. The rotunda, extending from the second floor to the roof and is surrounded by handsome fluted columns.

Some idea of the appointments of the building may be had from the fact that there are on the three upper floors four office suites of three rooms each, ninety-four office suites of two rooms each, ten single rooms, eight committee rooms, besides the conference room, rotunda, main stair hall, post office, telegraph and telephone offices, dining room with kitchen and pantries, bathing room, barber shop, offices for the superintendent and for the watch, and so on. The bathing room is not yet completed, but it will contain a large number of shower baths for senators, with adjoining rooms for drying, etc.

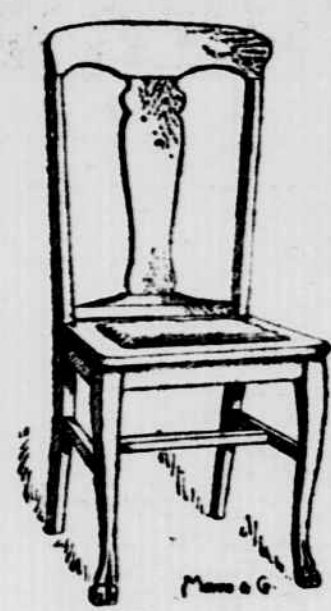
The Conference Room.
The conference room is of a monumental character and the finest room far in the entire building. It is on the floor just above the street level, opening on the main stair hall on one side and faces the court on the other. It is intended for all sorts of conferences, for party caucuses, public hearings and similar purposes. It is fifty-two feet by seventy-four feet in size. It will seat 300 persons comfortably. The walls are of polished and colored marble, and it contains twelve mahogany Corinthian columns spaced about its walls.

Under the rotunda and extending through both the cellar story and the story above it is a large vaulted room that is the terminus of the subway running from the building to the Senate end of the Capitol. This is where the little dog-cart automobiles stop when they bring senators over from the Capitol.

Of the eight committee rooms six are twenty-five feet by fifty feet and one story high. The other two are each thirty feet by sixty-five feet and extend through two stories, with arched ceilings. All of the committee rooms are finished with marble pilasters, marble mantelpieces, paneled plaster walls, ornamented plaster ceilings and marble floors.

Palatial Dining Room.
The dining room, which is at the corner of Delaware avenue and C street, is the same size as the two-story committee room immediately above. It is a particularly handsome room, being treated also with marble pilasters, highly polished and with a beautiful marble mantelpiece and floor. Below the kitchen are five rooms in all—and everything is operated by electricity. There is to be every possible convenience that a cook could ask for.

Architecturally the new building is classic in design, and its principal features resemble in treatment the buildings facing the Place de la Concorde in Paris, the end pavilions being modeled on those of the Colonne du Louvre. Structural details are of the masonry type, as distinguished from the commercial office buildings. The walls are faced with stone and backed with brick. The floors are carried on steel beams and between the beams is the concrete floor construction. The roof is of concrete covered with copper.



Chairs.

This \$3.50 Box Seat Chair
With Chase's
Leather
Seat - - - \$2.85

Exactly like the illustration here shown, constructed of figured quartered oak, with paneled back, box seat, claw feet and upholstered in fine black Chase's leather.

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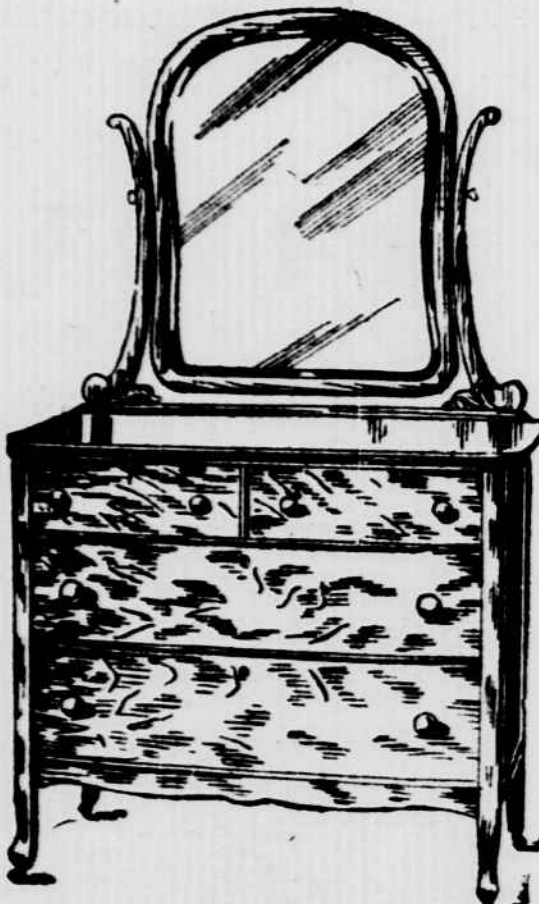
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Dressers.

This Fine \$31 Genuine
Mahogany or Quar-
tered Oak Grand
Rapids
Dresser, \$25.75

Exactly like the illustration here shown. It is made of genuine mahogany or quartered white oak, one of the best Grand Rapids factory's products. Has large beveled French plate mirror, carved standards, full swell front, four drawers, wood trimmings, French legs and high hand-rubbed polish.

\$10.50 Dressers, \$8.75
\$15.00 Dressers, \$12.48
\$18.75 Dressers, \$15.98
\$21.00 Dressers, \$17.98
\$26.00 Dressers, \$22.50
\$30.00 Dressers, \$25.00
\$44.00 Dressers, \$36.75
\$68.00 Dressers, \$59.75

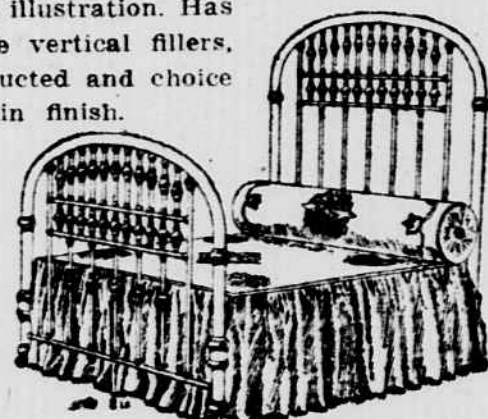


Brass Beds.

This Fine \$62 Brass Bed, in Pol-
ished or Satin Finish - - - \$51.50

Very handsome Brass Bed, just like this illustration. Has heavy two-inch continuous posts, 26 large vertical filers, 22 fancy spindles, very substantially constructed and choice of fine polished English lacquering or satin finish.

\$20.00 Brass Beds, \$11.25
\$35.00 Brass Beds, \$29.50
\$42.00 Brass Beds, \$36.75
\$60.00 Brass Beds, \$51.75
\$75.00 Brass Beds, \$67.50

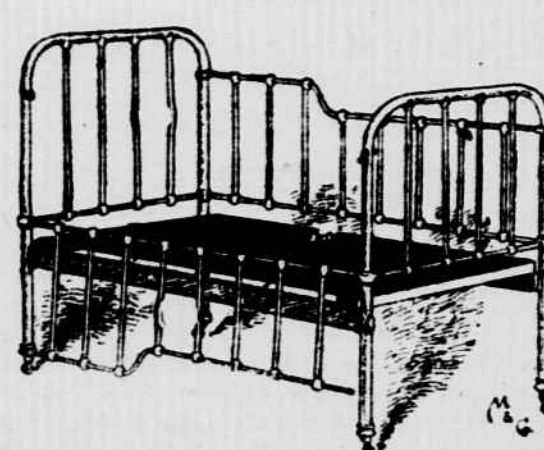


Iron Cribs.

This White
Enameled
Iron Crib - \$4.48

Heavy Continuous Post Iron Crib, exactly like this illustration. Has large tubular posts, drop sides, good woven wire spring, heavy white enamel and roller casters.

\$8.00 Iron Cribs - \$6.75
\$10.50 Security Cribs - \$8.75
\$17.00 Security Cribs - \$12.50
\$37.50 Brass Security Cribs, \$29.98



Grand Rapids Sectional Bookcases.

This Grand Rapids Sectional
Bookcase in
Any Finish . . . \$23.75

This is only one of the many combinations possible with Grand Rapids Sectional Bookcases. They are shown in solid quartered oak, mahogany or polished mahogany finish. Each section of the Grand Rapids Sectional Bookcase is secured to the others by means of an interlocking dovetail joint. This does away with all unsightly metal bands and screws, and what is practically a one-piece bookcase, yet one that may be added to at will as the library grows.

The Grand Rapids is the only sectional bookcase that is set together so rigidly that the factory furnishes it with casters, and it may be moved about without disturbing its contents.

Single Book Sections, \$3 Up.

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India Seats.

This Exact India
Seat in Golden Oak,
Mission or
Mahogany
Finish . . . 98c

Heavily Made India Seat, exactly like this illustration. Constructed of golden oak, weathered oak or mahogany finish, with curved seat, heavy turned posts and spindles, strongly made and nicely finished. No discount allowed off this special price of 98c.



New Go-Carts.

This Handsome
\$28.00 Go-Cart . . . \$23.50

Extra Large "Pullman" Go-Cart, just like this illustration. Has green wood body, adjustable leather cloth hood, seat and back upholstered in black leather cloth, tubular steel runners, fine springs, large wheels and large auto tires.

\$8.75 Go-Carts . . . \$6.48
\$12.25 Go-Carts . . . \$9.48
\$14.00 Go-Carts . . . \$11.75
\$17.00 Go-Carts . . . \$14.25
\$21.00 Go-Carts . . . \$17.75
\$26.00 Go-Carts . . . \$21.75
\$34.00 Go-Carts . . . \$29.75
\$46.50 Go-Carts . . . \$40.00



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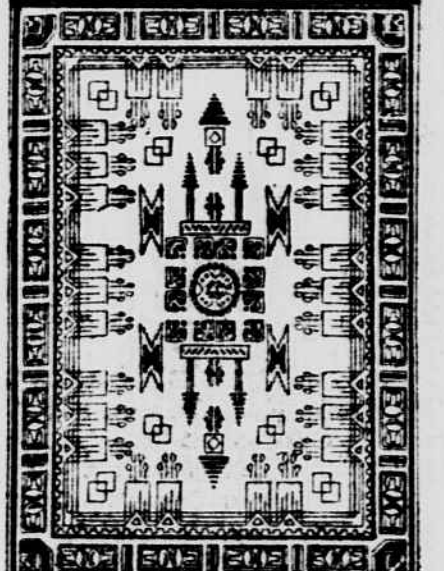
Mattings and Fiber Rugs.

Special reductions from our regular prices for this week, including the newest patterns of our spring importation of China Mattings. The prices quoted include laying and measuring without extra charge.

The Fiber Matting Rugs here quoted are nine by twelve feet, constructed of hard-wearing wool fiber, some of wood fiber and wool, in a handsome variety of patterns.

25c China Mattings, 21c Yd.
30c China Mattings, 25c Yd.
35c China Mattings, 28c Yd.
40c China Mattings, 33½c Yd.

\$13 9x12-ft. Wool
and Fiber Rugs . . . \$10.95
\$16 9x12-ft. Fiber
Rugs . . . \$13.48

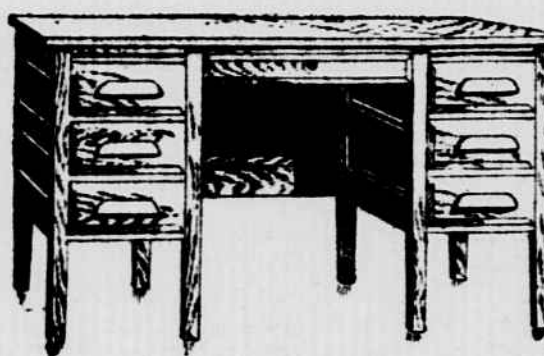


Office Desks.

This Quartered Oak
Sanitary
Desk - - \$24.25

Very Handsome 52-inch Quartered Oak Desk, just like this illustration. Has four small drawers on sides, one large side drawer, center drawer with individual lock and key, and is finely finished.

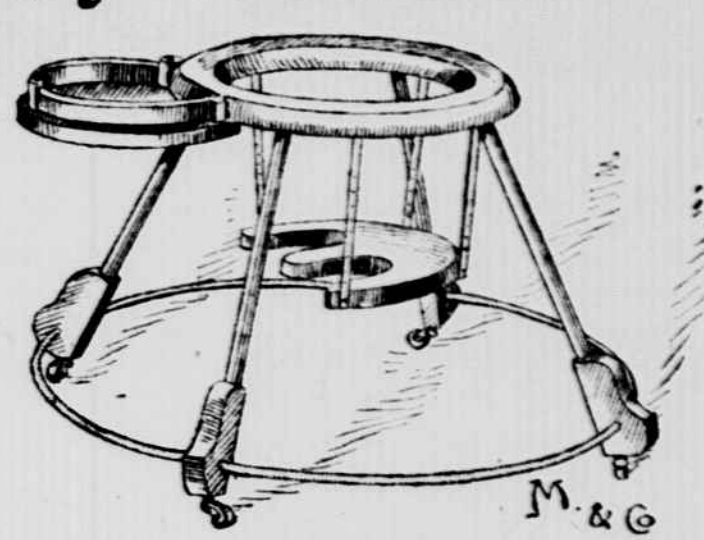
36-inch Roll Top Desks, \$18.75
50-inch Roll Top Desks, \$27.88



Baby Walkers.

This Exact
Baby Walker
98c

Just like the illustration here shown. It is made of hardwood with large tray, seat supported by springs and adjustable in different heights; good casters and nicely finished. This price is net, no discount being allowed.

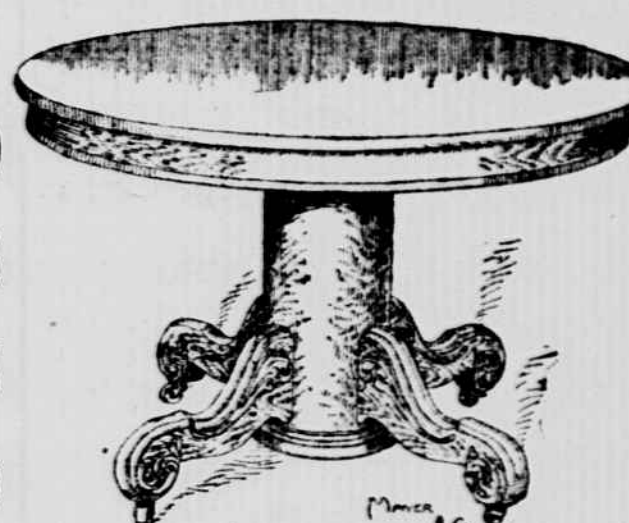


Hastings Tables.

This Exact \$30 Solid Quartered
Oak Hastings Dining Table . . . \$24.75
Fitted With the Tyden Pedestal Lock.

Very handsome Solid Quartered Oak Hastings Table, exactly like this illustration. It is made of solid quartered oak, with no veneer; has fancy rim; top 44 inches in diameter; extends to six feet in length; has three heavy, heavy carved pedestal and carved feet, fitted with the celebrated Tyden pedestal lock and highly polished.

\$31 Hastings \$25.50
Tables . . .
\$37 Hastings \$30.75
Tables . . .
\$47 Hastings \$39.75
Tables . . .
\$62 Hastings \$53.50
Tables . . .



China Closets.

\$32.00 Solid Quartered
Oak China Closets . . . \$26.75

Large Quartered Oak China Closets, with carved top, large bent glass ends, bent glass door, large carved claw feet and highly polished.

\$18.00 China Closets . . . \$14.75
\$24.00 China Closets . . . \$20.00
\$45.00 China Closets . . . \$39.50
\$56.00 China Closets . . . \$48.75
\$65.00 China Closets . . . \$58.75



This Exact McDougall Kitchen Cabinet,
\$28.50

Very Fine McDougall Kitchen Cabinet, just like this illustration here shown. It is constructed of solid golden oak, top containing large glass front china closet, patent sifter flour bin, large sugar bin, tea and coffee and five spice cans, card index for recipes, full sliding non-corrosive aluminum top, that may be pulled forward doubling the working surface, two large linen drawers in base, metal lined bread drawer and large cupboards for kettles, etc.

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It costs nothing to try one of these White Sewing Machines in your home. If you do not like it, we do not expect you to keep it, and will not ask you to do so. We know that our Rotary White is the best sewing machine made, that it sews easier, faster, and better than any other machine, and that our prices are \$20 to \$30 less than any machine store can afford to sell you an inferior machine.

This \$65.00 White
Sewing Machine, \$33.50

Four-drawer Automatic Lift Drop Head White Sewing Machine, just like the illustration here shown. It has White Patent Tension Indicator and Stitch Regulator, is full ball-bearing; all parts are adjustable and interchangeable, and it is furnished with a complete set of attachments. Our instructor will give you thorough instructions on this machine at your home, and you will not be expected to keep it unless it is satisfactory.

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approximately 7,000,000 cubic feet and the cost is estimated at 50 cents a cubic foot. There have been ordered 2,105 pieces of office furniture at an average cost of \$20. The cost of furnishing each senator's office is \$314.95 and his secretary's office \$271.58. The rugs bring the total cost of furnishing each suite to \$736.53. The highest priced piece is a davenport at \$102 and the lowest a chair at \$11.25.

May Close Down Big Steel Plant.
NEW YORK, March 20.—It was learned today that the United States Steel Corporation had decided, unless business speedily improved, to close down the principal plants of the Tennessee Coal and Iron Company at Ensley, Ala., April 1. The Bessemer, Ala., plant of the company was shut down recently and, it was stated, would remain idle until business conditions showed material improvement. The Ensley plant, with sixteen blast furnaces, has a capacity of 850,000 tons annually.

HYATTSVILLE, MD.

Special Correspondence of The Star.
HYATTSVILLE, Md., March 20, 1909.
A special meeting of the council will be held Monday evening to take action regarding the death of Mayor Owens. Democratic politicians in Prince George county are manifesting interest in the approaching primary contest between Dr. Charles A. Wells of Hyattsville and J. Enos Ray, Jr., of Chillum district, both of whom desire the nomination for the state senate to succeed William B. Claggett.

BOYDS, MD.

Special Correspondence of The Star.
BOYDS, Md., March 20, 1909.
Luther T. Gue, who lived near Kings Valley, Montgomery county, died of paralysis yesterday morning. Mr. Gue was out a few days ago attempting to get his stock under cover when he fell, stricken with paralysis on one side. Before his family could get him home he was again stricken, and died forty-eight hours later. His wife survives him.

Philadelphia American League team, has joined the other players at New Orleans for spring practice.

WITHDRAWS \$3,000 REWARD.
Indiana Governor Takes Precaution Against Return of Fugitive.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 20.—Gov. Marshall today withdrew a reward of \$3,000 offered by the legislature of 1905 for the arrest and return to Indiana of Oscar A. Baker, formerly known as "Cigarette" Baker, who it was alleged was an agent of the so-called tobacco trust, attempted to bribe Representative Ananias Baker to vote against the bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes.

THE FUTURE OF CUBA.

Special Subject Before Scientists at Philadelphia Meeting.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 20.—"The Future of Cuba" will be the subject of a special of the American Academy of Political and Social Science in this city next Saturday night. The vice president of Cuba, Alfredo Zayas, who has arrived in Washington, will attend the meeting and will take part in the discussion. Gen. Wood, who was governor of Cuba during the first intervention, will preside at the meeting.

to the conference were Gov. Fred M. Warner of Michigan and A. J. Emminger, president of a binder twine manufactory at Miamiburg, Ohio.

Other Michigan officials were present at the conference. Emminger is said to have important information concerning the sale of products of Michigan penal institutions. These sales have been part of the investigation of the Michigan grand jury.

Michigan Prisons Inquiry.
Conference Over Sale of Products of Institution at Toledo.

TOLEDO, Ohio, March 20.—A conference regarding the investigation of the Michigan prisons now being made by the Jackson (Mich.) grand jury was held here this afternoon. The principal parties